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# Parent's Supervised Driving Guide

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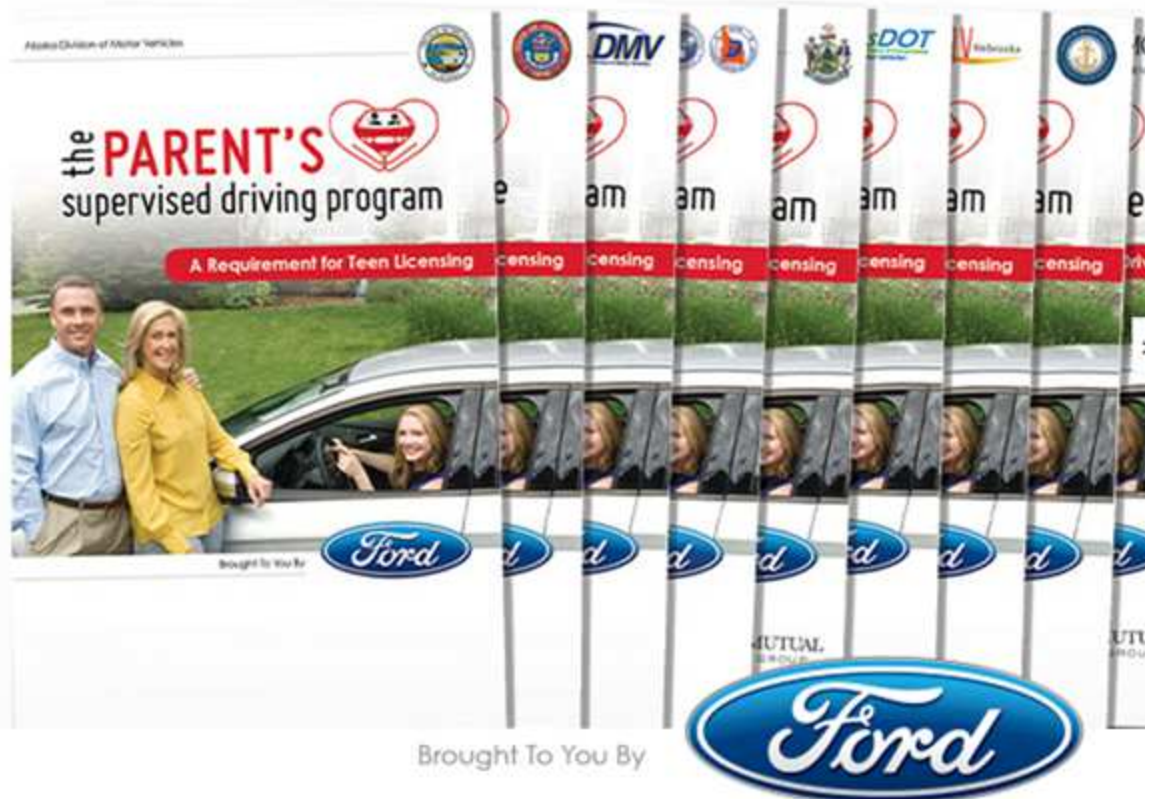
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## New Initiative Aims to Prevent Teen Driver Crashes and Deaths on the Road

The Parent's Supervised Driving Program offers parents and teen drivers guidance during the state required supervised driving period.


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A Requirement for Teen Licensing

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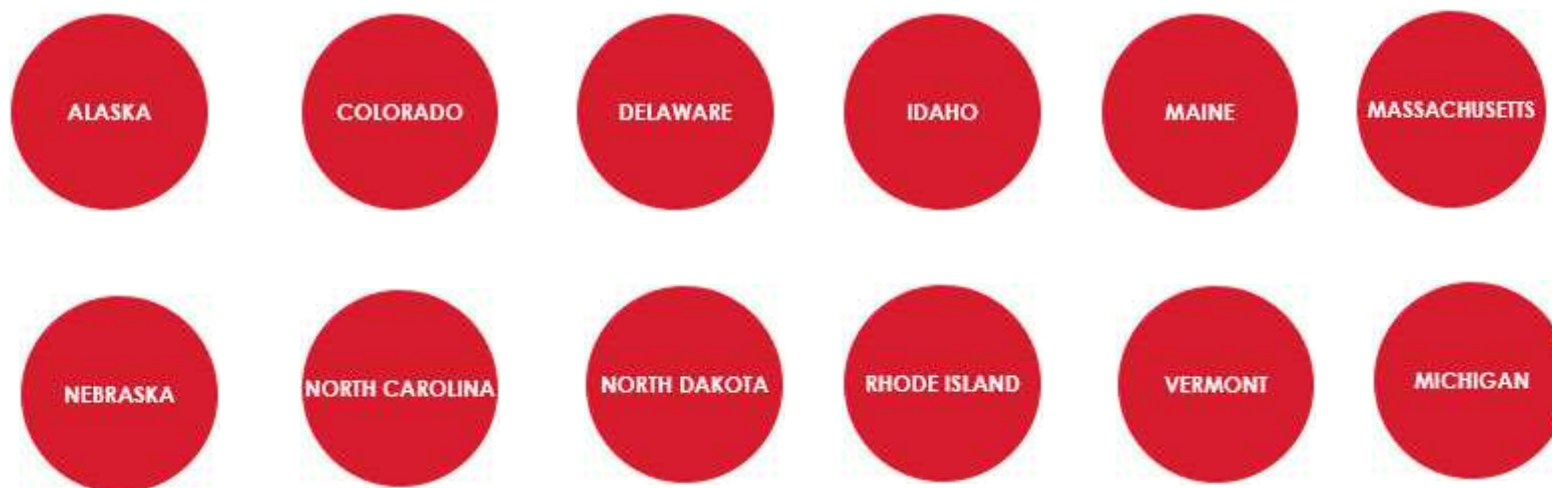
Two years ago  
Safe Roads Alliance approached MDOS  
Timing was right  
We were impressed with the Guide:  
Professional  
Good information for parents  
NO COST to tax payers thanks to the  
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*The Parent's Supervised Driving Program* is rolling out across the United States with more and more state partners.





- Booklet is given to each parent at Level 1 issuance.
- Provides parents guidance with supervised driving time.
- Starts with the basics and builds on them.
- Broadens experience to include driving in a wide range of conditions.



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Download our **FREE** mobile app RoadReady™

The Parent's Supervised Driving Program launched a free mobile app that tracks your drive, including time, road type and weather conditions, against your state's supervised driving requirement. RoadReady is currently available to download in the App Store<sup>SM</sup> and will be made available for Android users in 2014.

Know your teen's goals and how to reach them from start to finish.

View, download and print your teen's driving log.

Identify skills that need improvement and track your teen's progress.

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## IMPROVING PARENTS' AND TEEN DRIVERS' EXPERIENCE BEHIND THE WHEEL

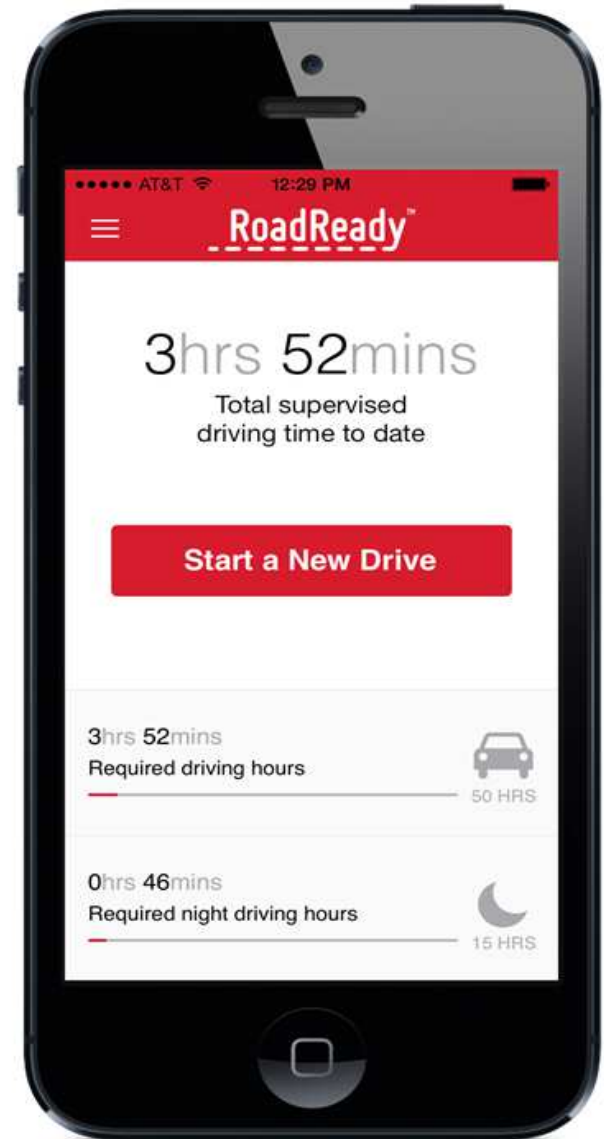
Supervised driving sessions are the last, best chance for parents to influence the skills and behavior of their teen drivers. **The Parent's Supervised Driving Program** is a resource for parents to utilize when teaching their teen to drive.

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Download our **FREE** mobile app to track your driving experience together and to keep safety tips top of mind. The latest addition to *The Parent's Supervised Driving Program* offers parents and teens an easy, educational and convenient way to log the state required supervised driving time with the click of a button.

- Track your time
- Learn safe driving practices
- Track driving conditions
- View driving summaries
- Download your driving log
- Know your goals
- Receive parental pointers
- Reach your goals
- Identify areas of improvement
- Track your teen's progress





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- Parents stop training after basic skills are completed.
- Parents over-estimate driving time.
- Parents are reluctant to drive with teens on highways, at night, in heavy traffic and bad weather.
- Parents are THE greatest influence on teen driving behavior.





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- The Parents Supervised Driving Guide is one promising parent program.
- Department of State has also recently implemented electronic newsletters designed to help parents navigate GDL.
- Level 1 Licensure
- [WWW.michigan.gov/Teendriver](http://WWW.michigan.gov/Teendriver)



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## Teen Driver

### A teen's first year behind the wheel is critical

**That's why Michigan - and other states across the country - have adopted Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) laws for teen drivers.**

Michigan's laws are designed to help teens gradually and safely build their skills and experience behind the wheel. On these pages, teen drivers and their parents or guardians can find the information and resources they'll need to successfully complete the Graduated Driver License program. Follow the links on the right or under the Teen Driver submenu on the left.

[The Parent's Supervised Driving Guide](#)

[Kelsey's Law Update for Teens - Mobile phones banned for GDL 1 and 2 teen drivers](#)

#### From Secretary Johnson:

Dear New Driver:

Congratulations on reaching this important milestone toward adulthood.

Learning to drive is an exciting time, but please remember it's also a time of great responsibility.

Few steps toward adulthood bring more freedom and independence than getting behind the wheel for the first time by yourself, but you should always remember that driving is a privilege, not a right. Each year, many people of all ages make poor decisions that result in losing their driving privileges, or worse, injuring themselves or their loved ones.

I encourage you to be active learners as you progress through the Graduated Driver License classes and on-the-road training. Your parent or guardian also will be helpful as you gain more driving experience, and not just because they'll accompany you on your practice drives. You should look to them to observe their [safe driving habits](#).

By obeying the rules of the road, avoiding distractions like texting, and never drinking and driving, you'll reach your destination safely and receive full driving privileges when you earn your Level 3 full license.

We look forward to seeing you when you visit for your picture on your first driver's license.

Sincerely,

Ruth Johnson  
Secretary of State



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#### Facts about teen drivers:

- Teens face the greatest risk of crashing during their first year of driving. One out of every five licensed 16-year-olds will be in a vehicle crash.
- Crashes are the leading cause of death for teens across the United States.
- Teen drivers have less experience on the road than older drivers and often don't understand the risks of driving as well.
- The human brain doesn't fully develop until an individual is in his or her 20s. The brain functions that affect judgment and risk-taking are among the last to mature.

[> Teen Driver Education](#)  
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**Teen Driver Quick Links**

- Parent's Role
- Coaching Your Teen (Guide and Log)
- Set Family Rules (Parent/Teen Contract)
- Find a Driver Education Program
- Segment 1 Driver Education
- Segment 2 Driver Education
- GDL Requirements
- GDL Restrictions and Violation Consequences
- Documents Required at SOS office
- Driver Education Complaint Form
- Parent's Supervised Driving Guide



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- Parents can choose to subscribe and unsubscribe when they wish.
- Information is shared in small amounts that can be reviewed easily during our busy schedules.
- [www.michigan.gov/teendriver](http://www.michigan.gov/teendriver)